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TEHRAN ANNOUNCES ABORTIVE U.S. RESCUE ATTEMPT

LD250944 TEHRAN DOMESTIC SERVICE IN PERSIAN 0934 GMT 25 APR 80

(TEXT) THE WHITE HOUSE IN WASHINGTON TODAY ISSUED A
STATEMENT ANNOUNCING THAT A MILITARY ATTEMPT TO RELEASE THE
AMERICAN HOSTAGES IN TEHRAN FAILED DUE TO A TECHNICAL FAULT.
IN THE WHITE HOUSE ANNOUNCEMENT, IT IS SAID THAT TWO AMERICAN
MILITARY PLANES COLLIDED ON A REMOTE IRANIAN AIRFIELD AND EIGHT
MEMBERS OF THE CREW WERE KILLED.

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24PM-IRAN-LEAD''' URGENT (R-179)†

TEHRAN, IRAN, APRIL 25, REUTER - THE OFFICIAL PARS NEWS
AGENCY CARRIED AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT TODAY THAT THE WRECKAGE OF
AN AIRCRAFT WAS SPOTTED NEAR TABAS IN EASTERN Khorasan PROVINCE
AND SAID IT MIGHT BE THAT OF AN AMERICAN PLANE.

THE AGENCY REPORTED THAT A LOCAL DRIVER SAID TODAY HE HAD
SIGHTED THE WRECKAGE BUT IT DID NOT SAY WHEN.

THE DESPATCH DID NOT SPECIFICALLY MENTION THE ABORTIVE U.S.
RESCUE OPERATION FOR THE TEHRAN HOSTAGES IN WHICH THE WHITE
HOUSE SAID TODAY THAT TWO AIRCRAFT WERE LOST.

BUT A PARS SPOKESMAN SAID THE STORY WAS ISSUED IN
CONNECTION WITH THE REPORTED RESCUE BID AND CONFIRMED THAT THE
REPORT OF THE SIGHTING HAD BEEN RECEIVED BEFORE THE NEWS FROM
WASHINGTON.

ONE GOVERNMENT ... PICKING UP 3RD GRAF†
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0946 : NATO SYMPATHETIC OVER US RESCUE BID:

BRUSSELS, APRIL 25 - NATO ALLIES OF THE US
VOICED SYMPATHY OVER THE ABORTIVE US ATTEMPT TO
RESCUE THE TEHRAN HOSTAGES, A NATO SPOKESMAN
SAID.

DURING A ROUTINE MEETING OF THE WESTERN
ALLIANCE'S COUN

L, THE US AMBASSADOR TO NATO
INFORMED THE ALLIES OF PRESIDENT CARTER'S
STATEMENT, HE SAID.

SEVERAL AMBASSADORS, APPROVED BY ALL THEIR
COLLEAGUES, EXPRESSED THEIR COMPREHENSION AND
SYMPATHY FOR THE US. HE SAID.
REUTER